University status to Indian Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

1056. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government to accord the status of University to the Indian Institute of Information Technology at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the action taken to comply with the request; and

(c) by when the matter is likely to be finalised;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) A request from Government of Andhra Pradesh to accord the status of deemed to be University to the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad was received. Director, IIIT, Hyderabad has been advised to submit the proposal in the prescribed fromat.

Rise in Female Literacy

1057. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the rate of female literacy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target set for hundred per cent literacy in country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Female literacy has increased from 8.86% in 1951 to 39.29% as per 1991 census. Female literacy during the period 1981—91 increased by 9.44% while between the period 1991 and 1997, it increased by 11%, according to the data released by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in its 53rd round. A statement giving the literacy differential as between end 1991 census and end 1997—supplied by NSSO mentioning the increase in the rise

of female literacy in many States, is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) The National Literacy Mission aims at imparting functional literacy to threshold, sustainable level of 75% by the year 2005.

Statement

S.No.	India/Sates	Literacy Rates 1991			Literacy Rates 1997			Differential		
		Persons	Male	Female	Persons	Male	Female	Persons	Male	Female
	India	52.2	64.1	39.3	62	73	50	9.8	8.9	10.7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	44.	55.1	32.7	54	64	43	9.9	8.9	10.3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	41.6	51.4	29.7	60	69	48	18.4	17.6	18.3
3.	Assam	52.9	61.9	43.0	75	82	66	22.1	20.1	23.0
4.	Bihar	38.5	52.5	22.9	49	62	34	10.5	9.5	11.1
5.	Delhi	75.3	82.0	67.0	85	91	76	9.7	9.0	9.0
6.	Goa	75.5	83.6	67.1	86	93	79	10.5	9.4	11.9
7.	Gujarat	61.3	73.1	48.6	68	80	57	6.7	6.9	8.4
8.	Haryana	55.8	69.1	40.5	65	76	52	9.2	6.9	11.5
9.	Himachal Pradesh	63.9	75.4	52.1	77	87	70	13.1	11.6	17.9
10.	*Jammu & Kashmir	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	59	71	48	26.3	26.8	28.5
11.	Karnataka	56.0	67.3	44.3	58	66	50	2.0	-1.3	5.7
12.	Kerala	89.8	93.6	86.2	93	96	90	3.2	2.4	3.8
13.	Madhya Pradesh	44.2	58.4	28.8	56	70	41	11.8	11.6	12.2
14.	Maharashtra	64.9	76.6	52.3	74	84	63	9.1	7.4	10.7
15.	Manipur	59.9	71.6	46.6	76	86	66	16.1	14.4	19.4
16.	Meghalaya	49.1	53.1	44.8	77	79	74	27.9	25.9	29.2
17.	Mizoram	82.3	85.6	78.6	95	96	95	12.7	10.4	16.4
18.	Nagaland	61.6	67.6	54.7	84	91	77	22.4	23.4	22.3
19.	Orissa	49.1	63.1	34.7	51	64	38	1.9	0.9	3.3
20.	Punjab	58.5	65.7	50.4	67	72	62	8.5	6.3	11.6
21.	Rajasthan	38.5	55.0	20.4	55	73	35	16.5	18.0	14.6
22.	Sikkim	56.9	65.7	46.7	79	86	72	22.1	20.3	25.3
23.	Tamilnadu	62.7	73.7	51.3	70	80	60	7.3	6.3	8.7
24.	Tripura	60.4	70.6	49.6	73	79	67	12.6	8.4	17.4
25.	Uttar Pradesh	41.6	55.7	25.3	56	69	41	14.4	13.3	15.7
26.	West Bengal	57.7	67.8	45.6	72	81	63	14.3	13.2	17.4

*Since the Census was not held in Jammu & Kashmir in 1991, the literacy differential for the State has been calculated on the basis of 1981 Census figures.

Distortions in Gujarat's History and Social Studies books

1058. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain serious distortions of history, likely to adversely influence the impressionable young minds, have recently come to light in Gujarat History and Social Studies text books;